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### COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

By County Sup't of Public Instruction  
Alberta Green-Murphy.

I am sure we all feel a just sense of pride in the material and commercial interests of our great state, and would rejoice to see them extended and developed to the very highest degree. But a state cannot be truly great when measured by material and commercial standards alone; nor can a people rise to the highest station of character, dignity and real power whose thought is absorbed in the accumulation of material wealth and commercial expansion (proper and necessary as these things are) to the exclusion of the vitally important subject of EDUCATION. A different mental attitude, a higher conception of the functions and value of our Public Schools, among the taxpayers and citizens of the state must be cultivated. In fact, we all must be made to feel that these institutions, which touch and influence our lives so intimately, and without which all material and commercial values would sink into insignificance, are not objects of charity or destined benevolence, but are indeed the most vital, the most indispensable, and should be the most cherished institutions of our boasted Democracy.

Last year a War Savings Society was organized in a majority of the schools. We are asked to continue these societies in the schools; so I shall ask every school that did not do so last year to organize this year, and those schools that have organizations to continue their organization by electing officers for another year. The object of these societies is to encourage thrift among the members—also to encourage the buying of Thrift

stamps. The W. S. Society of the Fortescue Intermediate School, which was one of the banner societies last year has selected its officers for the coming year: May Whipple for president, and Earl Smith for secretary.

Miss Fate, District Club Organizer, Miss DeVault and the Superintendent visited a number of schools during the week, and a number of clubs were organized. Thursday morning was spent in the Idlewild school. We were invited to stay and partake of the "hot lunch," which we enjoyed very much; the Superintendent decided that although she had tried to tell about the lunch in these notes last week, "the half has not been told." Any teacher who has her doubts about the feasibility and practicability of carrying on this hot lunch during the cold months at least would do well to make a little visit to this school in the neighborhood of the noon hour. We feel sure that she would become an enthusiast and that her school next year would be improved to that extent.

Here a Garden Club was organized—the children, under the leadership of their teacher, Miss Price, had already been cleaning up a tract of ground which had, for the past few years, been a mere patch of brush. Watch it! It's going to "blossom like a rose" with potatoes and other vegetables. A Garden Club was organized at Fortescue also, with a membership of 18; Hazel Ramsey, president; Hazel Ramsey, secretary. The afternoon was spent in the Fortescue and Bigelow schools. At the close of school, after a short conference with the teachers, Miss England and Miss Abshire served the visiting ladies with refreshments consisting of cheese sandwiches, fruit salad and cookies.

Miss England and her assistants possess the executive ability and perseverance necessary to attack problems and bring them to a successful issue. Friday morning a short time was spent in the Woodville school. Miss Anna Markt showed us the work of the members of her sewing club. The work was really beautiful—the small, neat, regular stitches attracted our attention at once. Miss Fate said that the work was the best that she had seen by any club in this part of the state. Indeed she said that it was better than the work of its kind exhibited at the State Club meeting in January. And the remarkable part of it all is that the greater number of the members of this club are boys. We were much interested, also, in the wash-bench, the nail-box and several other things that had been made by the members of the Vitalized Agriculture class.

From Woodville we went to New Point. We spent a short time in the high school, looked for a minute into the grammar room where Mr. Turpen was putting up some splendid pictures of birds done in water color, the work of his pupils, this being Bird Day. Then we went into Miss Acton's room. Miss Acton is one of the teachers selected by the Superintendent to take the course in Vitalized Agriculture. Her teaching certainly shows it. The children are indeed being taught in terms of their environment, and they seem to be as happy, lively, brightly a bunch of bright pupils as can be found anywhere.

In the afternoon we went to consolidated district No. 4, where we met Mr. Fanta, the principal of the high school and his assistant, Miss Myrtle Hayzlett—also Miss Grace Hayzlett, the teacher of Dale Center school. We had the pleasure, also, of seeing Mr. Zachary, the president of the school board. We had hoped to have time to visit the Blair school—but by the time we left liberty township the afternoon was far spent. It was very nearly six o'clock when we reached the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shunkwiler, where we were hospitably entertained to a bountiful supper.

We attended the Blair Community meeting that evening. Mr. Penny Miles is president of this organization, and Miss Blevins, the teacher of Blair school is secretary. This neighborhood is certainly to be commended on its enterprise in keeping up this organization. A splendid program was given to an audience of between three and four hundred people. Several good musical numbers were given, and the pupils of the school gave recitations and a good dialogue—but the best number of all, perhaps, was the exercise in Vitalized Agriculture in which the pupils told of the things done in Blair school. Short talks were made by Miss DeVault, Miss Fate, Mr. Swanner, the Superintendent, and Mr. Armond, a gentleman from Arkansas, who spoke on bee culture. At the close of the program refreshments, consisting of hot "Wiennies," bread and pickles were served by the men. Everyone had an opportunity to have a nice little visit with others present, and sociability was everywhere in evidence. These meetings are worth while and should be a feature of every school district in the county.

The bird charts and booklets which were ordered some time in January have not yet come. This is a matter of regret to the Superintendent. However, she hopes that the teachers will make use of them when they do come. Quite a number of reports are in for the third quarter of the school term. The schools of seven months are soon coming to a close. Two schools—Burr Oak and Monarch have already closed.

The "selling" words are: apron, autumn, canal, climb, moisture, creature, juicy, thorough, besiege, chisel, mosquitoes, miscellaneous, Philippines, hoeing, hypocrite, hemorrhage, horizon, heroism, hurrah, counterfeit, fatigue, gingham, linen, appearance, catarrh, accommodate.

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### At Rest.

Horace Larkam, Sr., one of our well known and highly respected citizens passed out of this life to the larger life beyond last Tuesday morning, March 18, at 10:30, from his late residence in Maitland, Mo., aged 76 years, 1 month, 13 days.

Mr. Larkam was born in Franklin county, Indiana, Feb. 5, 1843, being the second son of Horace Larkham and wife, Eleanor Larkham, in a family of three children—two sons and one daughter. All the immediate family had preceded Bro. Larkam to the better world.

In young manhood he lived for a short time in Champaign county, Ill., then returned to Indiana and enlisted in the army of the Union at the age of twenty, Jan. 13th, 1864, in the 63rd Infantry, and was transferred to the 128th Infantry. He served under General Sheridan in the East, and also under General Sherman in the "March to the sea," and was honorably discharged in April 6, 1866. In May, 1866, he came to Holt county, Mo., locating first at Oregon, and on October 8, 1868, was married to Sarah Norvell, at the old Norvell home, Richville, Mo. To this union were born eleven children, all of whom survive, except one daughter, who died Dec. 5, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Larkam located on a farm in Clay township, near Maitland, March 19, 1870, where they made their home and raised their family. Failing health prompted him to move to Maitland this last winter to be relieved from the care of the farm. Brother Larkam had lived an earnest Christian life for many years and has been a member of the Methodist Church in Maitland since 1906.

Beside his faithful wife, the surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Lura Ocken, McLouth, Kansas; Mrs. Dora Hester, Mound City, Mo.; Charles N., Culdesac, Idaho; Mrs. Emma Crider, Oregon, Mo.; Mrs. Mollie Mitchell, Maitland, Mo.; John C., Wilsall, Montana; Myrtle and Bertha, Maitland; Logan, Wilsall, Montana; Horace R., Maitland, all of whom were present, except Mrs. Emma Crider, who could not be present on account of illness, and John C., who also could not come.

Brother Larkam was a man of sterling christian character, honest and upright in all his dealings and a loyal supporter of the church and pastor. The noble character of all the children are the highest testimonials, not only to the superior qualities of Father Larkam, but as well the blessed mother who awaits the Master's call.

Brother Larkam was not only loyal to his country, but as well loyal to Christ and the Church—a monument, of which every one might well be proud.

The funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church, Friday afternoon, March 21, at 2:00 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. Horace A. Dougherty, in the presence of a large company of neighbors and friends. There was a profusion of tasty and costly floral tokens, besides the church was appropriately decorated with potted plants, and pulpit with large American flags. The music by the choir—Miss Bessie Brumbaugh, Mrs. Fred DeFord, Messrs. Frank Smith and Cap. Hodgins, with Mrs. Robt. Weller at the piano—was very effective. Mrs. Dr. Miller, of Mound City, sang a beautiful selection—"There is a Land Mine Eye Hath Seen."

The text of scripture used as the basis of the sermon was Revelation 14:13—"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works do follow them." Interment was made in the family lot in the K. of P. cemetery. Brother Larkam will be greatly missed not only in the family circle, but by all the relatives, neighbors and numerous friends.

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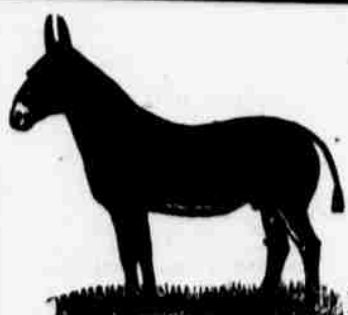
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